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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FRG PROTECTION OF US INTERESTS IN UGANDA

REF: (A) BONN 15673; (B) STATE 214839

1. FONOFF, HAVING AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO REPRESENT US INTERESTS (REFTEL A) AND HAVING CONSULTED WITH FRG AMBASSADOR KOPF, HAS RAISED THE FOLLOWING POINTS WITH US BASED IN PART ON KOPF'S REPORT TO BONN:

(A) IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF US COULD LEAVE ONE OR TWO MEN WITH TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS TO WORK IN FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA ON US INTERESTS MATTERS. FONOFF THINKING IN PARTICULAR OF AN ADMINISTRATOR TO DEAL WITH PROPERTY QUESTIONS AND POSSIBLY A COMMUNICATOR TO OPERATE US RADIO/TELEGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT. RE LATTER, FONOFF REPS POINTED OUT THAT FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON TELEX. THEY ASKED WHETHER, IF WE CANNOT LEAVE COMMUNICATOR, THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY OF FRG PERSONNEL RETAINING AND OPERATING US COMMO EQUIPMENT. EMBOFF PROMISED RELAY THIS QUERY TO WASHINGTON, POINTING OUT THAT AS WE UNDERSTAND IT US WISHES WITH-
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DRAW ALL RPT ALL AMERICAN PERSONNEL.

(B) KOPF, REFERRING TO AMIN'S UNPREDICTABLE AND EMOTIONAL NATURE, SUGGESTED PROCESS OF TRANSFER MIGHT BE SMOOTHED IF NOTIFICATION OF UGANDAN AUTHORITIES ACCOMPLISHED BY TWO SEPARATE NOTES, ONE FROM US EMBASSY ANNOUNCING ITS CLOSURE AND WITHDRAWAL OF PERSONNEL, AND SECOND A SHORT TIME LATER FROM FRG EMBASSY ANNOUNCING ITS ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR US INTERESTS. (COMMENT: WE NOTE THAT THIS PROCEDURE, WHICH MIGHT INDEED HAVE CERTAIN POLITICAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL ADVANTAGES WOULD LEAVE SHORT TIME GAP IN WHICH UGANDANS MIGHT LEGITIMATELY ASSUME NO ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR US PROPERTY).

(C) KOPF FEARS AMIN MAY MOVE FAIRLY QUICKLY AFTER US OFFICIAL DEPARTURE AGAINST PRIVATE AMCITS REMAINING IN UGANDA, PARTICULARLY MISSIONARIES WHO, KOPF BELIEVES, ARE LIKELY NEXT TARGET OF ACCUSATION OF COMPLICITY IN "CIA ACTIVITIES". FONOFF REPS ASKED WHETHER US PLANNING EVACUATE PRIVATE AMCITS. EMBOFF SAID OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT US EMBASSY KAMPALA WILL NOTIFY AMCITS A FEW DAYS BEFORE CLOSURE OF EMBASSY LEAVING IT UP TO THEM WHETHER TO STAY OR DEPART.

(D) FONOFF, ANTICIPATING ADDITIONAL WORKLOAD IN KAMPALA, IS MOVING RAPIDLY TO FILL TWO CURRENT VACANT SLOTS IN FRG EMBASSY THERE. KOPF AND FONOFF DOUBT THAT FRG EMBASSY COULD HANDLE SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF AMERICAN TOURISTS AND FONOFF REPS INQUIRED IN THIS CONNECTION WHETHER WE ARE TAKING STEPS TO DISCOURAGE TOURISM IN UGANDA.

2. EMBOFF PROVIDED FONOFF WITH TEXT OF "PROTOCOL DE REMISE" FROM 7 FAM 952 AND WITH TEXT OF SENTENCE DEPARTMENT WISHES TO ADD (REFTEL B).

3. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REPLIES/COMMENTS ON ABOVE ASAP.
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